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SUBJECT: LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: PARIS 3187

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECRETARY  
VANCE TO DE GUIRINGAUD.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. FOREIGN MINISTER: I AM SURE YOU  
ARE AWARE OF THE HIGH IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THE AVOIDANCE  
OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION. I WISH TO CONFIRM PERSONALLY TO  
YOU THAT I SHARE MY PREDECESSOR'S SENSE OF THE IMPORTANCE  
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OF OUR INCREASING COOPERATION IN THE NON-PROLIFERATION  
FIELD, AS CONVEYED IN HIS LAST LETTER TO YOU BEFORE LEAVING  
OFFICE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR NUCLEAR POLICY  
CONSULTATIONS LATER THIS MONTH, AS WE INDICATED TO YOUR  
AMBASSADOR, SO AS TO FURTHER ALIGN OUR NUCLEAR POLICIES.  
PRESENTLY WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF REVIEWING US POLICY AND,  
IN THIS REGARD, I WOULD EXPECT TO CONFIRM THE CONTINUITY OF

THE BASIC POLICY DIRECTIONS ANNOUNCED IN THE OCTOBER 28TH  
PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT.

IN THE MEANTIME, WE HAVE DECIDED TO MOVE INTO OFFICIAL  
CHANNELS IN THE CONTACTS REGARDING SENSITIVE NUCLEAR  
PROJECTS IN BRAZIL, ABOUT WHICH WE HAVE KEPT YOU INFORMED.  
I ANTICIPATE HIGH-LEVEL CONSULTATIONS WITH BOTH PARTIES

BEGINNING NEXT WEEK, FOLLOWING UP FRG STATE SECRETARY  
HERMES' VISIT TO WASHINGTON AND VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S  
TRIP, AND WE WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING WITH YOU  
ANY PROGRESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THEREAFTER. THIS WOULD  
AFFORD US AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE FURTHER VIEWS ON  
THE APPROACH MOST LIKELY TO FORESTALL ENRICHMENT AND  
REPROCESSING IN BRAZIL, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE IMPORTANT  
PRINCIPLES OF ASSURED NUCLEAR FUEL SUPPLY AND NO  
COMMERCIAL DISADVANTAGE RAISED WITH YOU BY MR. KISSINGER  
AND PURSUED BY US WITH THE FRG.

AS YOU KNOW, PRESIDENT CARTER ATTACHES THE HIGHEST  
IMPORTANCE TO REMOVING NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION RISKS IN  
BOTH BRAZIL AND PAKISTAN, AS WELL AS WORLDWIDE. I AM  
ENCOURAGED BY THE PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE WITH PRIME MINISTER  
BHUTTO AND REPORTED TO YOU. I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE  
FORMULA OF A JOINT DECISION BY FRANCE AND PAKISTAN TO  
INDEFINITELY DEFER PAKISTAN'S REPROCESSING PLANT, AND  
SUBSTITUTION OF FRENCH REACTORS, FUEL AND PERHAPS A FUEL  
FABRICATION PLANT, WILL FACILITATE A SUCCESSFUL SOLUTION  
OF THIS PROBLEM.

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IN VIEW OF THE FORTHCOMING PAKISTANI ELECTIONS, I AM  
INDICATING TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO THAT WE MIGHT RESUME  
NEGOTIATIONS IN MARCH, UNLESS HE PREFERS TO OPEN THESE  
EARLIER. IN THE INTERIM, HOWEVER, WE ARE MAKING CLEAR TO  
HIM THE SERIOUSNESS AND DEPTH OF OUR DESIRE THAT HE FOREGO  
HIS REPROCESSING PLANS, AND THIS PERIOD WILL ALSO GIVE YOU  
AND ME TIME TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE MOST DESIRABLE  
NEGOTIATING PACKAGE FROM OUR RESPECTIVE STANDPOINTS. I  
WOULD THEREFORE WELCOME ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS YOU CAN  
CONVEY TO ME AS TO HOW BEST TO PROCEED.

I GREATLY LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN MY NEW  
CAPACITY, AND TO CONTRIBUTING TO A DEEPENING OF THE  
IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.  
SINCERELY: CYRUS R. VANCE: END TEXT.

3. IN DELIVERING LETTER, PLEASE CONFIRM THAT WE WOULD  
ANTICIPATE SPECIFIC EXCHANGE ON SENSITIVE NUCLEAR ISSUES

WITH FRANCE PRIOR TO MORE GENERAL CONSULTATIONS LATER THIS MONTH, ALTHOUGH LATTER WOULD NOT EXCLUDE FURTHER INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF SENSITIVE ISSUES, IF DESIRED. YOU SHOULD ALSO SEEK GOF CONFIRMATION THAT IT DOES NOT PLAN TO TRANSFER ANY REPROCESSING TECHNOLOGY OR EQUIPMENT TO PAKISTAN PENDING FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH US, IN CONFORMITY WITH UNDERSTANDING PREVIOUSLY REACHED BETWEEN FORMER SECRETARY KISSINGER AND DE GUIRINGAUD AT THEIR DECEMBER 10 MEETING IN BRUSSELS.  
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